

## Through Their Eyes: King Herod & the Magi

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Each person's unique \_\_\_\_\_ helps to color our world.

To begin to understand what shaped King Herod's perspective, we need to understand the influence of the \_\_\_\_\_ empire.

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were once allies under Caesar before becoming mortal enemies.

King Herod was raised as a \_\_\_\_\_

Herod flees to \_\_\_\_\_ for help during political conflict and returns as \_\_\_\_\_.

Herod escapes disaster after siding with \_\_\_\_\_ during the civil war.

With \_\_\_\_\_ backing, Herod's throne was secure.

Herod had a \_\_\_\_\_ reign. Judea prospered. He earned the title " \_\_\_\_\_ " due to all of the Hellenistic construction.

They were distinguished foreigners who came from the \_\_\_\_\_ bearing gifts to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Their story is only mentioned in the book of \_\_\_\_\_.

Tradition has it that there were \_\_\_\_\_, but it could have been more.

The Adoration of the \_\_\_\_\_ and the Adoration of the \_\_\_\_\_ could not have happened on the same night. Our Nativities are all wrong!

The Shepherds visited Jesus in the \_\_\_\_\_ at the night of His birth.

The Magi visited Jesus in a \_\_\_\_\_ at an unspecified point in time after his birth. The Bible doesn't specify the interval between Christ's birth and the visit, but it is understood to have been up to \_\_\_\_\_ years due to the timing of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Being warned in a \_\_\_\_\_ they take another route to avoid \_\_\_\_\_.

The Magi practiced the religion of \_\_\_\_\_. They were monotheistic and believed in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Their names were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and they were from \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

Herod reacts to the news of Christ by \_\_\_\_\_ God. He takes matters into his own hands.

The Maji react to the news by \_\_\_\_\_.

The choice is ours. We can choose to follow Christ or tackle the world under our own strength. The good news is that Christ is for \_\_\_\_\_.